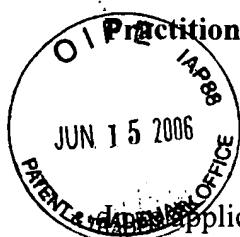


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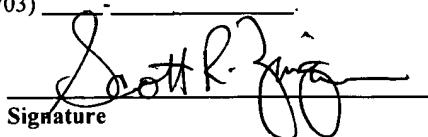
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1. Applicant hereby requests continued examination, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. Section 1.114, for the above identified application.

TIME REQUEST IS BEING MADE

2. This request is being submitted:
 - i. Prior to abandonment of the application
 - ii. Payment of the issue fee
 - Prior to payment of issue fee
 - Issue fee has been paid but a petition under Section 1.313 has been granted
 - iii. Prior to a decision on appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals & Interferences
 - A notice is being separately sent to the Board of Patent Appeals & Interferences that this Request for Continued Examination is being filed.
 - iv. Appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals of the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. 145 or
 - Commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. 146
 - Prior to the filing of such appeal or commencement of civil action
 - Such appeal or commencement of civil action has been terminated

ENCLOSURES

3. Enclosed herewith is/are:

- An information disclosure statement (37 C.F.R. Section 1.98)
 - Form PTO-1449 (PTO/SB/08A and 08B)
- An amendment
- New arguments
- New evidence in support of patentability
- Other:

FEE FOR REQUEST (37 C.F.R. Section 1.17(e)).

4. This application is on behalf of:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Small entity	\$ 395.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Other than a small entity	\$790.00

Continued Prosecution Request Fee \$ 395.00

FEE FOR CLAIMS

5. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. Section 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

(Col.1)	(Col. 2)	(Col. 3)	SMALL ENTITY			OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY		
			Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Addit. Fee	OR
Total	21	Minus	21	= 0		x \$25 = \$0.00		x \$50 = \$0.00
Indep.	4	Minus	4	= 0		x \$100 = \$0.00	x \$200 =	\$0.00
[] First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim + \$140 = \$125.00 + \$280 = \$0.00								
			Total Addit. Fee	\$0.00		OR	Total Addit. Fee	\$0.00

(c) No additional fee is required.

OR

(d) Total additional fee required is \$ 0.00.

EXTENSION OF TIME

6. The proceedings herein are for a patent application, and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. Section 1.136(a) apply.

(a) Applicant petitions for an extension of time, the fees for which are set out in 37 C.F.R. Section 1.17(a)(1)-(4), for the total number of months checked below:

<u>Extension for (months)</u>	<u>Fee for small entity</u>	<u>Fee for other than small entity</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> one month	\$ 60	\$ 120
<input type="checkbox"/> two months	\$225	\$ 450
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> three months	\$510	\$ 1,020
<input type="checkbox"/> four months	\$795	\$1,590
	Fee	<u>\$ 510.00</u>

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

An extension for _____ months has already been secured, and the fee paid therefor of \$ _____ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request **\$ 510.00**

OR

(b) Applicant believes that no extension of time is required. However, this is a conditional petition and authorization to pay the necessary fees to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.

TOTAL FEE(S) DUE

7. The total fee(s) due is/are:

Continued Prosecution Fee (Section 1.17(e))	\$ <u>395.00</u>
Extension of Time Fee	\$ <u>510.00</u>
Total Fee(s) Due: \$ <u>905.00</u>	

PAYMENT OF FEE(S) DUE

8. Please pay the fee(s) for this continued examination application as follows:

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<input type="checkbox"/> Charge Account <u>06-0540</u> the sum of	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> A duplicate of this Cover Sheet is attached.	
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038) is attached.	
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9. Please charge any required additional fee(s) for Section 1.17(e), Section 1.16(b)-(d) and/or Section 1.17(a)(1)-(4) and/or refund any monies to:

Deposit Account 06-0540
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Respectfully submitted,


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